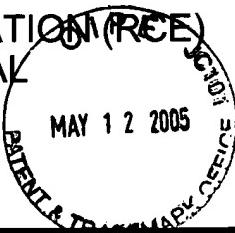


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Application Number	10/726,938
Filing Date	December 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Tomaya Takahashi
Art Unit	2875
Examiner Name	Laura K. Tso
Attorney Docket Number	17297

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant(s): Tomaya Takahashi**

**Docket No.**

17297

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/726,938	December 3, 2003	Laura K. Tso	23389	2875	5381

**Invention: ILLUMINATION CONTROL SYSTEM AND ILLUMINATION CONTROL METHOD FOR ENDOSCOPE SYSTEMS**

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**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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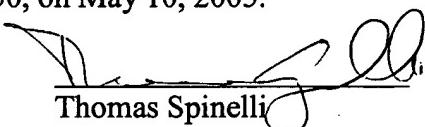
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 21, 2005, Applicants have filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) herewith along with the present Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that, prior to continued examination, the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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